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SUBJECT: Notes on Soviet Grain

- o Crop year is July to June. US long-term agreement year is October to September.
- o 83/84 crop year harvest--195 million metric tons.
- o 84/85 crop year harvest estimate 180 million tons [detail weather etc. to follow].
- o OGI estimates imports of 45 to 50 million tons this crop year.
- o USSR has lined up 38 million tons already.
- o Previous record was 46 million tons in 81/82 crop year--already lined up 14.5 million from the US on a long-term agreement year basis. That includes 11 million corn, 3.5 million wheat.
- o The LTA calls for 6 to 12, but Reagan said they could go to 22 without further negotiations.
- o OGI estimates 18 to 20 from the US in 84/85 on a crop basis.
- o Argentina will do 8 to 8.5 this crop year.
- o The EC will do 6 to 7, up 1/3rd from last year.
- o Import costs last calendar year were \$6.6 billion using \$150 per ton.

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